

**REMARKS**

Claims 21, 24-28, 31-40, 42, 43, and 45 are pending in the Application. Claims 21, 24, 28, and 31 have been amended. In light of the amendments made to claims 21 and 28, claims 22, 23, 29, 30, 41, and 44 have been cancelled. Claim 45 is newly added. Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the Application contains allowable subject matter. In this regard, claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, and 34 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Independent claim 21 has been amended to include the feature of objected to claim 23 and intervening claim 22. Because of the cancellation of claims 22 and 23, the dependency of claim 24 has been amended to depend from claim 21. As a result of these amendments, claims 21, 24-27, 39, and 40 should thus be allowable.

Independent claim 28 has similarly been amended to include the feature of objected to claim 30 and intervening claim 29. The dependency of claim 31 has also been amended in light of the cancellation of claims 29 and 30. Claims 28, 31-34, 42, and 43 should be allowable.

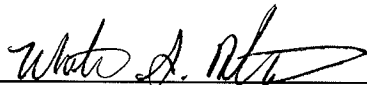
Claim 45 is newly added and substantially corresponds to objected to claim 34. In particular, claim 45 recites, *inter alia*, the aspect wherein the distal end of a second elongate member is inserted into a second lumen of the cannula and a distal end of the second elongate member is attached to the cannula. Claim 45 also includes the feature wherein the proximal end of the cannula may be manipulated by applying tension to the first or second elongate members or releasing tension in the first or second elongate

members. Claim 45 thus includes the minor modification of objected to claim 34 wherein manipulation may be of *either the first or second elongate member*. Applicants submit that this slight modification does not alter the Examiner's previous conclusion that the subject matter is patentable over the prior art of record. In addition, claim 45 includes the modified aspect wherein the object or substance is delivered through a working lumen of the catheter and not the first cannula lumen. Support for this aspect of claim 45 may be found in the specification at ¶¶ [0041]-[0042]. It is believed that this modification more clearly defines the lumen through which the object or substance passes during delivery.

It is believed that the amendments made herein place the Application in condition for allowance as all claims recite features contained in objected to claims which were deemed allowable over the cited art. A Notice of Allowance is requested. If there are any questions concerning this paper, please contact the undersigned at (949) 724-1849 (x. 104).

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